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Botha lifts some bans as Commonwealth anger mounts

Thatcher set for new clash on sanctions

● Mrs Thatcher looks certain to clash with the Commonwealth over her stance on sanctions against South Africa ● There may be a full Commonwealth conference in September if sanctions talks fail this weekend (page 5) ● Emergency restrictions on 119 organizations opposed to the Pretoria Government have been lifted ● The Australian Prime Minister said sanctions would be effective only if backed by the US and the EEC (page 5)

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

The Prime Minister appeared last night to be heading for an almost certain clash with Commonwealth leaders next week if it was stressed that she is determined not to be rushed into further sanctions against South Africa.

Cabinet was not in the business of imposing further sanctions. This is certainly not the view held by Sir Geoffrey and several other ministers.

Further measures would be on the agenda for the summit. Yesterday's meeting of the Cabinet's overseas and defence committee, which preceded the Cabinet meeting and at which the main discussion took place, had before it a paper from the Foreign Office examining the various options for further measures.

Whitehall sources said after the meeting that the Cabinet had reaffirmed its unanimous support for the policy of Sir Geoffrey and the Prime Minister.

It was an unusual move, undoubtedly taken to mask the obvious divisions between the Foreign Office and Downing Street about the desirability of further measures against South Africa.

But some ministers believe that the Commonwealth will offer something, however small, next week.

Sir Geoffrey last night denied as "fanciful and fantastic" City reports that he intended to resign over the issue.

Lady Young, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, said in the Lords that the Government was continuing to work for a negotiated settlement in South Africa.

Another big factor in the drop in the Government's standing has been growing public opposition to its failure to take a tougher line against South Africa.

Reflections on war and the Church, by Conor Cruise O'Brien, travelling in Nicaragua

● The Times Portfolio Gold daily competition prize of £4,000 was shared yesterday between two reactors: Mrs L. Hancil of Sunderland and Mrs A.N. Williams of Tiverton, Devon.

Shuttle curb President Reagan is being urged by his leading space advisers to ban commercial and foreign satellites from future shuttle flights to encourage a private rocket industry.

Chess draw The second World Chess Championship game between champion Garry Kasparov and Anatoly Karpov ended in a draw after 32 moves.

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Mass pickets banned at Wapping

By Tim Jones

Mass picketing at Mr Rupert Murdoch's News International plant at Wapping, east London, was banned by the High Court yesterday.

The judge made the order after stating there was "overwhelming evidence" that employees who passed the pickets and daily demonstrators were almost invariably subjected to abuse and threats.

But he gave the unions the right to organize marches and rallies to and at Wapping provided they were subjected to the direction of the police and conducted properly.

Mr Justice Stuart-Smith had been asked to grant injunctions banning the print unions Sogat '82 and the National Graphical Association, plus named officials, from staging anything but a peaceful picket of six people at the plant where The Times, The Sunday Times, The Sun and the News of the World are published.



Cabinet members leaving 10 Downing Street: clockwise from top left, Mr Peter Walker, Mr Kenneth Baker, Lord Whitelaw and Sir Geoffrey Howe (Photographs: Leslie Lee).

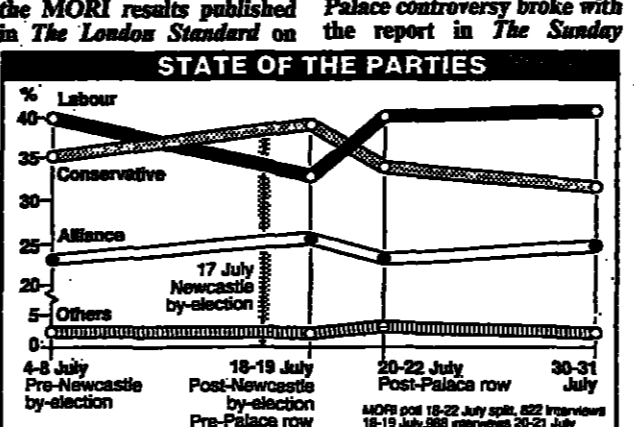
Palace-Thatcher rift report boosts Labour

By Philip Webster and Mark Dowd

The Government has suffered a dramatic loss of support in the wake of the controversy over the alleged rift between the Queen and Mrs Margaret Thatcher over South Africa.

Labour has shot into a single-point lead since the controversy surfaced on July 20, according to an opinion poll conducted for The Times and Independent Television News by Market & Opinion Research International.

Times of the Queen's alleged disarray over Mrs Thatcher's South Africa policy MORI gave Labour a 6 per cent lead. Interviews on July 20-22 gave Labour a 6 per cent lead over the Conservatives.



Public opinion on the efficacy of economic sanctions is evenly divided. Forty-six per cent believed they would not help bring an end to apartheid compared with 44 per cent who said they would.

Western Cape lifts more restrictions

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

Severe emergency restrictions on the activities of 119 organizations opposed to the Pretoria Government have been lifted by Brigadier Chris Swart, the Divisional Commissioner of Police for the Western Cape.

Orders banning black pupils from being outside their classrooms during school hours, and prohibiting the return to the Crossroads squatter camp of those whose shacks were destroyed in violence there, were also withdrawn.

In the Eastern Cape, Brigadier Ernest Schuster, its divisional commissioner, has rescinded restrictions on various organizations, funerals, meetings and school children after they were declared null and void by the supreme court.

The courts have shown an unexpected independence by disputing and annulling the regulations implemented since the state of emergency was declared on June 12, on the grounds that they were unclear, unreasonable or ultra vires.

Rate rebels lose court fight

Forty-seven rebel councillors in Liverpool, disqualified from office and ordered to pay a £106,103 surcharge for delaying setting a rate, lost their plea for survival in the Court of Appeal yesterday.

Lord Justice Lawton, sitting with Lord Justice Dillon and Lord Justice Woolf, unanimously upheld the ruling of the Divisional Court in March that the councillors were guilty of wilful misconduct by failing to set a rate for 1985-86 before the government deadline.

Lord Justice Lawton told the packed court that the councillors believed that the Secretary of State would make more money available to avoid "financial chaos" in Liverpool.

The Divisional Court had dismissed appeals by the then 49 councillors against findings of the district auditor, Mr Thomas McMahon, saying

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that they had used their refusal as a weapon to weaken the resistance of the Government and had disobeyed the law for an invalid reason.

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Coe departs as Cram and Overtt win gold

By John Goodbody, Sports News Correspondent

Steve Cram and Steve Overtt won gold medals at the 13th Commonwealth Games in Edinburgh yesterday while their great English rival Sebastian Coe returned home suffering from a throat infection.

800 metres champion, had his first victory in an international championship for five years at his new distance of 5,000 metres. He finished ahead of England's Jack Buckner. Overtt, who collapsed with dehydration in the Los Angeles Games said afterwards: "If I had not won today people would have written me off."

Power profit could mean lower prices

Electricity prices should remain stable or even fall following the announcement yesterday of a £414 million net profit by the Electricity Council in the year to March 31.

Ceremonial Rock guard ends

From Dominic Searle, Gibraltar

Ending a tradition dating back to the 1730s, the British Government yesterday unexpectedly withdrew the ceremonial military guard posted at the frontier separating Gibraltar from Spain.

City brings in £7.6 billion from overseas

By Our City Staff

The City earned £7.6 billion for the national purse last year, 11 per cent more than in the previous year, the Treasury said yesterday.

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The figure - for net invisible overseas earnings - was 40 per cent higher than in 1983.

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The performance represented well over half the £12 billion total earned on invisibles by the private sector.

Advertisement for Famous Grouse whisky featuring an image of a grouse and a bottle of whisky. Text includes 'Famous Grouse', 'Best Scotch Whisky', and 'Quality in an age of change.'

Cardinal acts against book on in vitro fertilization

By Clifford Longley, Religious Affairs Correspondent

Cardinal Basil Hume, Archbishop of Westminster, has withdrawn his imprimatur, or official "permission to publish", from a book by one of the most distinguished Jesuit theologians in Britain.

The book challenges aspects of official church teaching on sexual morality and supports the use of in vitro embryo fertilization.

It is *Bioethics and Belief* by Father John Mahoney, SJ, who has recently been appointed F.D. Maurice Professor of Theology at King's College, London. He is president of the Catholic Theological Association of Great Britain, and a former principal of Heythrop College, London.

Fr Mahoney, aged 55, a Scot, argues in the book that the church's disapproval of artificial insemination by a husband (AIH) is based on the supposed immorality of masturbation, which in such a context might be excusable.

He questions the church's ban on artificial insemination by a donor (AID), rejecting the official view that it is a form of adultery; and he contradicts the traditional assumption

that an embryo is a human being with a soul from the first moment of conception, and thereby he opens up the possibility of experimentation on early embryos.

Fr Mahoney states that even the use of a "host mother" to bear the child of another woman, using in vitro techniques, is not necessarily immoral.

The appearance of the book in 1984 (published by Sheed and Ward at £3.95) brought complaints from unspecified sources to Cardinal Hume's office that it contradicted official church teaching. He has been in correspondence with the Vatican's Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith concerning his views.

The cancellation of the imprimatur was announced in a joint statement by the author and the vicar general of Westminster, Archbishop, Mgr Ralph Brown, in a restricted-circulation official bulletin called *Briefing*. No other announcement was made.

The statement says that Fr Mahoney was not strictly obliged to seek an imprimatur for his book in the first place.



Two spectators and their pet watching the gundog trials with keen interest yesterday at the Country Landowners Association's Game Fair, at Harewood House, Leeds, West Yorkshire. The annual festival of countryside sports, designed to help farmers and landowners improve their land's sporting potential, finishes tomorrow.

South-east outstrips all on earnings

By Robin Young

The South-east is now the only region in the United Kingdom with earnings above the national average.

The region tends to dominate the national picture, according to government statisticians, because it has by far the most people — 30 per cent of the UK total — and is more prosperous.

At April 1985 men earned an average of £192 per week in the UK. In the South-east the figure was £214, and in Greater London, £233.

Men in Scotland, the region with the next highest male earnings, earn only £190 a week in spite of high wages in the energy and water supply industries. In Northern Ireland the figure was £172, the lowest rate.

Similarly, the average weekly earnings for women were £126 nationwide, but £141 in the South-east, and

£154 in Greater London. Northern Ireland ranked second, with average earnings for women of £122 weekly.

More than a quarter of the tax units (married couples and individuals) in the South-east had incomes greater than £10,000 a year in 1982-83.

East Anglia, with 23 per cent, was the only other region where that proportion bettered the UK average of 21.6 per cent.

The South-east had average weekly household income of £231 in 1983-84, £40 more than the next region, the South-west. Northern Irish households averaged only £153 a week.

It followed that the South-east had a much higher expenditure a household than any other region.

Though the proportion of household expenditure going on food was less, at 19 per cent, than in any other region, the amount was still greater in

absolute terms than for households elsewhere.

The gross domestic product in the South-east was £92.4 billion in 1984 at current prices, £7 billion up on 1983 and an average a head of £5,402. Northern Ireland's was the lowest in the country, at £3,615.

In the 10-year period from 1975 to 1984 the South-east's relative GDP had climbed from 113 to 117 per cent of the UK average.

Personal disposable income grew from 110 per cent of the UK average in 1975 to 114 per cent in 1984. Residents of Greater London were better off still, with personal disposable income 25 per cent above the average in 1984.

By contrast, in the West Midlands PDI a head declined from 115 per cent above the national average in 1975 to 7 per cent below in 1984.

The highest qualified members of the workforce are

concentrated in the South-east, especially Greater London where 13 per cent had a degree or equivalent qualification in 1984.

More than a fifth of the heads of households in the South-east were in managerial or professional employment, a considerably higher proportion than anywhere else. In the North almost half the heads of households were unemployed in 1984.

Unemployment levels in the South-east, at just under 10 per cent in October 1985, were less than anywhere else in the UK.

But even the unemployed had better prospects in the South-east. After the South-west and East Anglia, the region had the lowest proportion of unemployed who had been out of work for more than a year — 36 per cent compared with a UK average of 41 per cent.

Tomorrow: Population

Road casualties increase in all areas

By Michael Bailey, Transport Editor

Fatal or serious car accidents rose again in 1984 in spite of a fall after the introduction of compulsory seat belts in January 1983.

All areas of the UK showed increased casualties, but the worst record was in London and the South-east with a 6 per cent rise on 1983.

London and the South-east had twice the number of fatal or serious accidents than the rest of the country, with 57 for each 100 kilometres of road.

London also had more child casualties on the roads, with 544 per 100,000 population compared with only 385 in the South-west.

Nearly a third (31 per cent) of all main road accidents in the UK happened at night,

with the proportion rising from South to North where there are longer hours of darkness.

The South-west enjoys the country's highest level of car ownership at 349 cars per 1,000 population.

The country's road vehicle fleet rose 2.8 per cent to 21.2 million in 1984, the figures show. The number of cars rose

by 3.5 per cent to 16.8 million, but the number of two-wheelers — motorcycles, scooters, and mopeds — fell by 4.9 per cent to 1.2 million.

The South-east had the UK's most crowded roads with 57 vehicles per kilometre compared with only 21 in Northern Ireland, the least crowded.

Regional Trends, 21, 1986 (Stationery Office: £17.50).

Water pollution on increase in Devon

By Hugh Clayton, Environment Correspondent

Pollution of some English waterways increased in the early 1980s, the survey says.

The total length of river and canal classified as of bad or poor quality throughout England and Wales dropped only slightly from 10.5 to 10 per cent.

Although waterway pollution fell sharply in much of southern England and the Midlands, it remained almost static in East Anglia and rose in Devon and Cornwall and between Crewe and the Scottish border, and area covered by the North-western Water Authority.

Although the rise was slight in Devon and Cornwall, the polluted length in the North-west rose from little more than 15 per cent of the total to 20 per cent despite operating

expenditure worth more than £10 per head of population in the area.

"There is more dereliction

in the North-western area," the survey report said.

The survey also showed that 18 per cent of the land in the United Kingdom was covered by some blanket restriction on development. Ten per cent was in national parks or Scottish scenic areas and 8 per cent in England, Wales and Northern Ireland was in areas of outstanding natural beauty.

The main land use was still farming, which accounted for 72 per cent of the surface of the United Kingdom. There was evidence of continuing polarization of farming in England and Wales with a heavy concentration of livestock and grazing land in the West with cereals and sugarbeet in the East.

East Anglia contained barely 5 per cent of the farms in the United Kingdom but almost 10 per cent of those of 200 hectares (540 acres) or more.

Star Wars

Scientists join forces for space power tests

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

British and Israeli scientists are working on a power system for space platforms under a Star Wars research contract from the United States government.

It is thought that the invention could provide between 10 and 50 megawatts of electricity for each platform, or enough to power a small town.

The idea is being developed by a network of university groups brought together by Solmees, a research company specializing in renewable energy technologies, which has offices in London.

The scientists take either a low grade energy source such as geothermal heat, waste hot gas and water, or a diffuse source such as solar power, and convert it into electricity.

Solmees claims that its scientists can take any heat source and convert it into electricity.

The idea for the space system is based on discoveries in magneto-hydrodynamics, MHD, made by Professor Herman Branover, a Russian émigré, at the Ben Gurion University.

The concept is that electric-

ity can be produced by means of a liquid conductor such as mercury or sodium, in place of the conducting coil which a conventional generator uses.

In the 1960s, millions of pounds were spent by Britain the United States and elsewhere to perfect an MHD machine for a commercial power station, but the concept proved fruitless.

However, those schemes were based on forcing a hot stream of gas, which had reached the state of an electrically charged plasma, between the poles of powerful magnets.

The only machine of that generation which produces electricity is in the Soviet Union.

Professor Branover designed a machine that worked at more modest temperatures. Energy from a source of heat is absorbed by a gas-and-liquid-metal mixture in closed-circuit pipes. The hot gas provides the "lift" to force the liquid metal round the pipes, of which some areas are surrounded by a powerful magnet, where the conversion of heat to electricity occurs.

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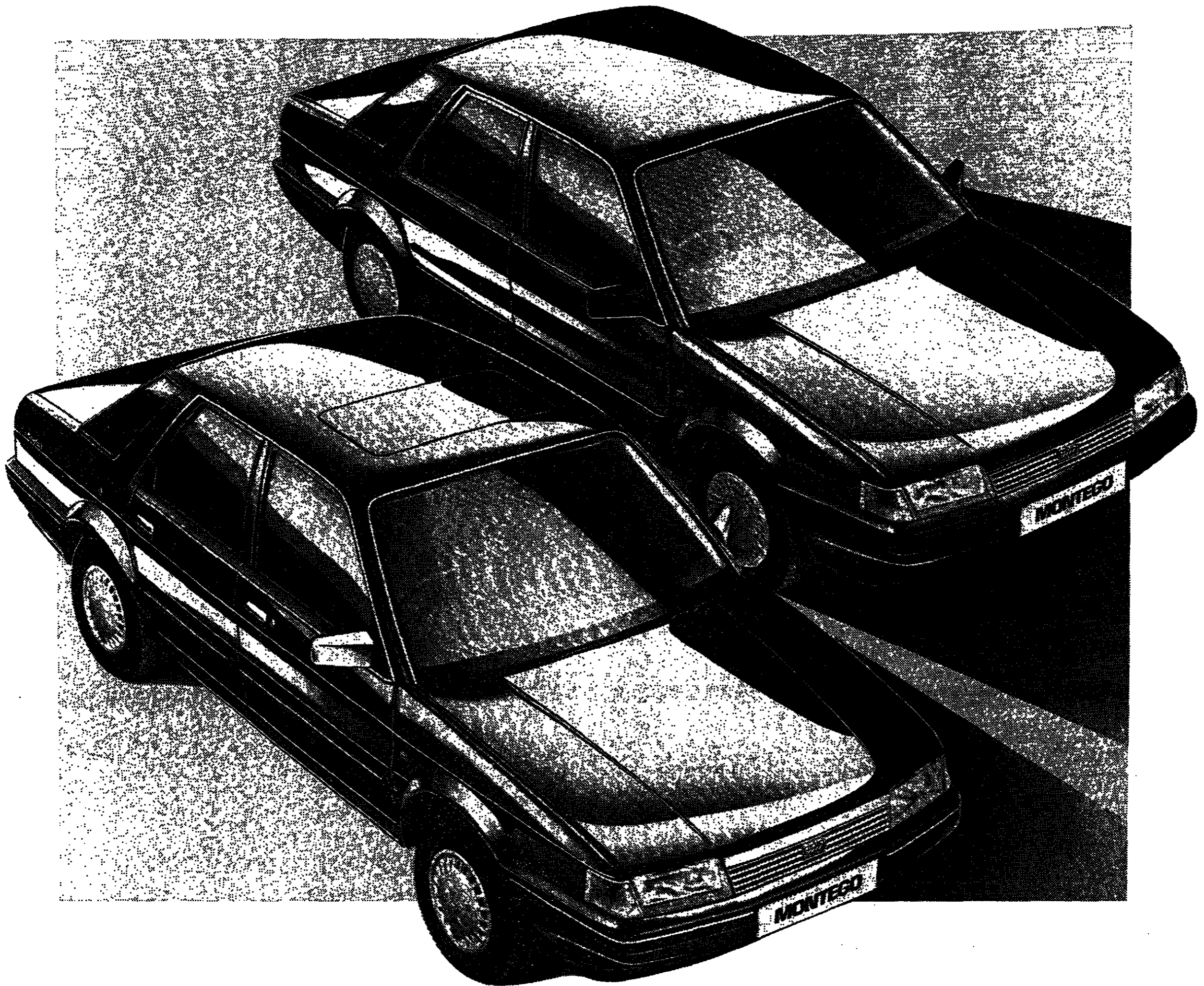


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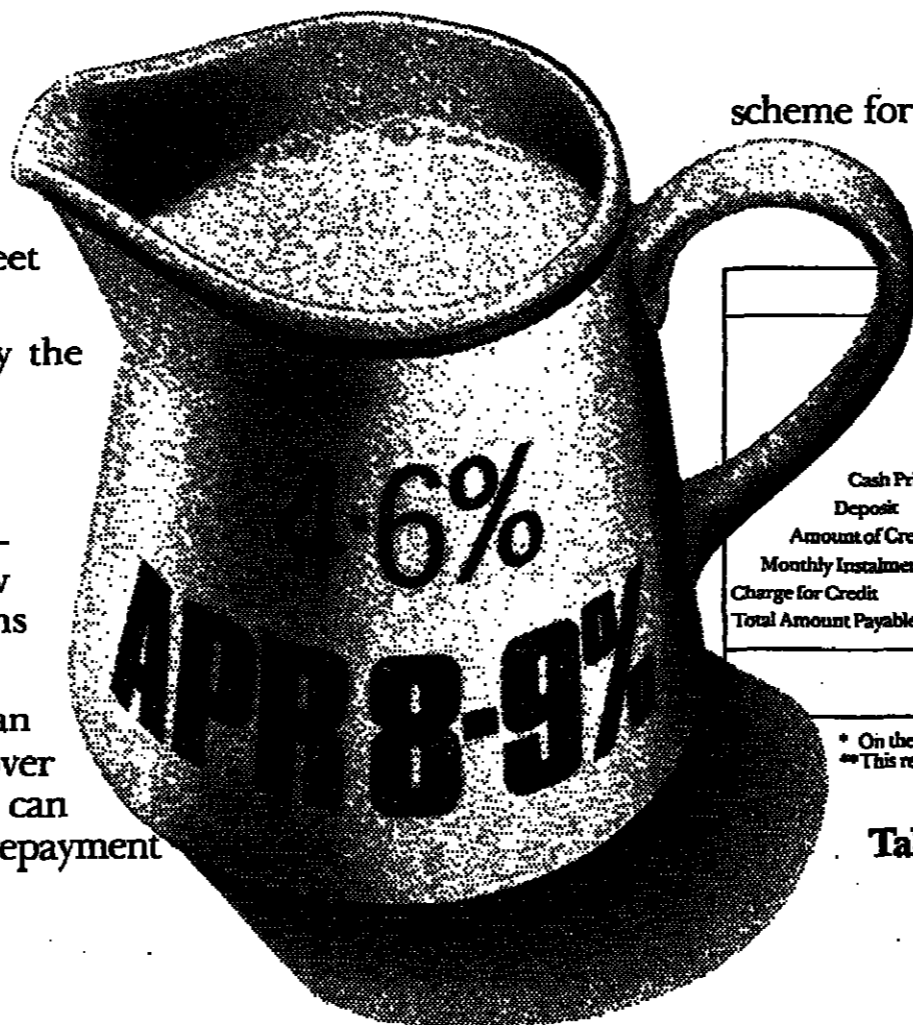
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Space advisers urge curb on commercial use of shuttle

From Mohsin Ali, Washington

A Cabinet council majority is recommending that President Reagan adopt a plan to ban most commercial and foreign satellites from future space shuttle flights, a White House spokesman said yesterday.

The plan, according to *The Washington Post*, is part of a new initiative to spur development of a private rocket industry. It would effectively end Nasa's long-standing efforts to promote the shuttle as an economical self-sufficient space transport system.

Under the proposal, virtually all private communications satellites would be banned from future shuttle launches, leaving the shuttle to carry almost exclusively military and scientific payloads when flights resume in 1988.

The newspaper said that of the 43 Nasa contracts to launch commercial and foreign payloads up to 1994, only about six or eight would end up on the shuttle if the plan is adopted by Mr Reagan—there does exist, however, an option for a more gradual phasing-out of commercial customers.

One immediate consequence of the plan, if approved, would be to deprive Nasa of about \$850 million in revenue it would receive from the American Satellite Company and other commercial customers.

These firms have argued that barring them from US-subsidized shuttle flights would leave them with no choice but to turn to the West European Ariane rocket or the Chinese Long March rocket.

Meanwhile, a White House spokesman emphasized that Mr Reagan had been given many differing views about whether a new \$2.8 billion

(about £1.9 billion) shuttle orbiter should be built to replace the Challenger, which exploded soon after blast-off on January 28 killing its crew of seven. He said the President was expected to take the decision soon.

● British proposal: A group of British design experts of aircraft ejector seats have submitted a proposal to Nasa for their use in manned spacecraft (Pearce Wright writes).

Nasa has been studying the feasibility of an ejector escape system for its shuttle programme since the Challenger disaster in January.

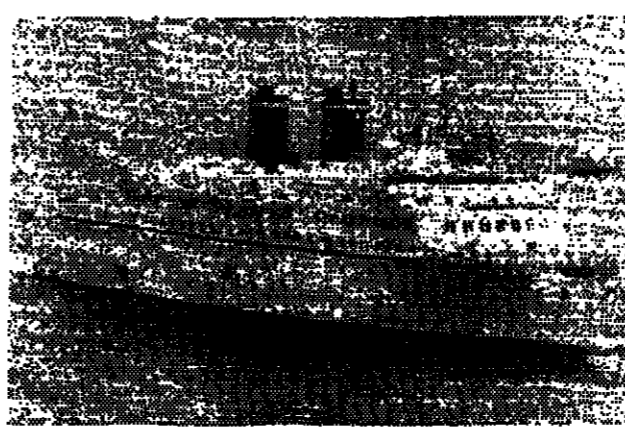
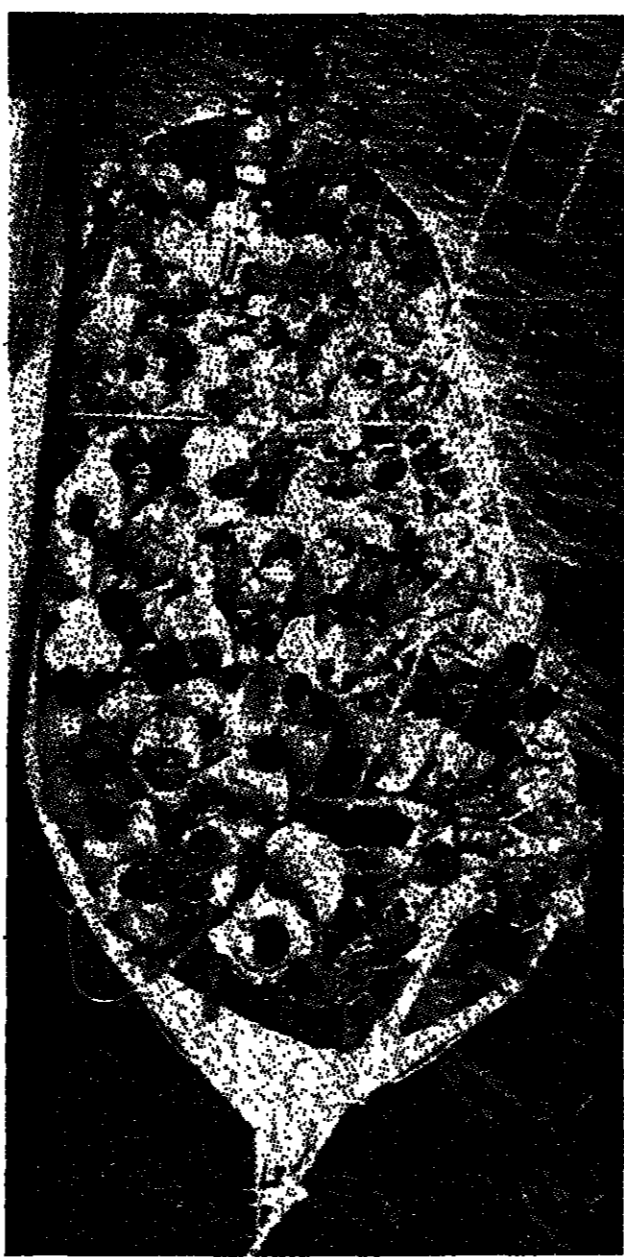
Even though the tape recording of the final conversation between the Challenger astronauts and ground control which was released earlier this week, showed that the crew's commander knew something had gone wrong, there was no suggestion that anyone might have escaped.

But some space experts have suggested that in a serious but less catastrophic accident, ejector seats could be of value.

The scheme suggested by Martin Baker Engineering, a firm based at Denham, Buckinghamshire, uses a technique designed for the Royal Air Force's Vulcan V-bomber.

The central crew member in a row of three seats ejects through his hatch. The other two then tilt their seats towards the same hole and are blasted out.

If a similar idea was adopted for the shuttle programme, it would mean building three emergency escape hatches in the next shuttle, Orbiter, and redesigning the seating arrangements.



A US Coast Guard cutter near the Emerald Seas (above) after the explosion while passengers (left) jam a lifeboat.

US cruise passengers tell of blast terror

Miami (Reuter) — Passengers returning to port yesterday on the fire-damaged cruise liner Emerald Seas told of a panicky stampede to lifeboats, missing life preservers, frightful screams from below decks and heroic deeds of crew members.

Their holiday cruise turned into a nightmare on Wednesday when an explosion and fire flared deep within the ship, injuring 17 people and forcing almost a thousand passengers to flee in lifeboats.

"For a few minutes I thought we were all going to die," said Mrs Rebecca Gordon, aged 46, a passenger of Charlotte, North Carolina.

Mrs Gordon and her daughter, Melissa, aged 11, were thrown from their beds by the concussion of the blast one deck below them. Within seconds smoke began seeping into their cabin. Guided by a crew member, they managed to escape by crawling on their hands and knees through smoke-filled halls packed with screaming passengers.

"People were trampling each other. Children and old ladies were being shoved aside," Miss Karin Lohrer, aged 23, of Fort Mill, South Carolina, another passenger, said.

Passengers' tales of panic differed sharply from initial statements by the ship's owners, Eastern Cruise Lines. But the owners said an investigation was under way.

Mr Bernard Chabot, president of Eastern, said there was no indication of sabotage.

The company offered passengers a 50 per cent refund or a free cruise in compensation for their aborted voyage. They paid between \$500 (£336) and \$1,000 dollars for the trip.

Microchip battle

Japan backs down over US dumping

By Bill Johnstone, Technology Correspondent

Minutes before a midnight deadline elapsed on Wednesday Japanese microchip manufacturers agreed to increase prices of their products in the United States, in the face a threat by American authorities to impose duty if no agreement could be reached.

The settlement is the climax of a battle that has raged for months between the Japanese, their American counterparts and the US Department of Commerce. The Japanese were accused of dumping microchips on the US market and undermining the American electronics and computer industries.

Details of the US-Japanese agreement were disclosed yesterday by US Commerce Secretary, Mr Malcolm Baldrige.

"The Japanese have agreed not to dump in the United States, not to dump in third countries that could ship to the United States and open up the market for memory chips in Japan, which we feel has been closed to US exports," he said.

Implementation of the second part of the agreement might still prove a problem for the US. Japanese manufacturers — and consumers — are notorious for buying Japanese unless a foreign product is obviously superior. American manufacturers only command 8 per cent of the semi-conductor market in Japan.

Mr Baldrige said: "The Japanese have agreed to accept more memory chips by opening their market. There will be benchmarks as to how they are progressing in that area. It won't be hard to find out. It's not something they can run and hide from."

US semiconductor manufacturers have been particularly nervous in recent months as the electronics industry remained in recession. The computer industry, one of the principal users of microchips, has experienced a drop in sales. A recent report predicted a drop in the US computer sales this year of 17 per cent to \$14 billion.

Many computer manufacturers have had to shed labour and close their factories. Semiconductor manufacturers have suffered the same fate. The British microchip company, Immos, which is owned by Thorn-EMI, closed its manufacturing arm in Colorado Springs, made about 400 people redundant and wrote-off £45 million.

It said: "This recovery has been much slower than forecast and it has become apparent that the substantial increase in worldwide capacity will exceed demand over the next two or three years."

Seaga rocked by local elections

By Jeremy Taylor

The possibility of early general elections has become an issue in Jamaica after a massive opposition victory in Tuesday's local government elections.

Mr Edward Seaga, the Prime Minister and leader of the Jamaica Labour Party (JLP), conceded defeat late on Tuesday night. By then the opposition People's National Party (PNP) of Mr Michael Manley, the former prime minister, had won a clear majority of 99 seats to 39, with 49 still to be declared.

The PNP was expected to take 57 to 60 per cent of the vote.

The local elections had been postponed several times, and were the first chance Jamaicans had to comment on Mr Seaga's record since 1980, when the JLP was swept into power promising "deliverance" from Mr Manley's democratic socialism.

Taking advantage of early firm action and American support, Mr Seaga called a snap election in late 1983, which he won with barely a vote cast against him.

The PNP, claiming that an understanding on electoral reform had been violated, boycotted the election, and has had no parliamentary presence since.

The drastic austerity measures which Mr Seaga embraced have sparked several periods of acute protest, including serious upheavals in January and June last year.

But on May 1, Mr Seaga announced the first optimistic and expansionary Budget in years.

He suggested that economic recovery was well under way and ostentatiously defied the financial orthodoxy of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank, on whose largesse and austere policies economic recovery had been based.

Sceptics argued that Mr Seaga was hoping that his Budget would ensure success in this week's voting and prepare the way for a third general election victory which would take him well into the 1990s and leave plenty of time for further work on recovery.

Mr Manley, somewhat mollified and chastened since his socialist enthusiasm of the 1970s, had firmly described Tuesday's voting as a referendum on the Government's record, and is now calling more loudly than ever for general elections.

Sudanese rebels talk peace

Addis Ababa (AP) — The Sudanese Prime Minister, Mr Sadiq al-Mahdi, and Colonel John Garang, leader of the southern Sudanese rebels, met yesterday for discussions at the most senior level since Colonel Garang began his insurgency three years ago.

A spokesman for the rebels, who identified himself as Captain Daniel, refused to give the location.

Col Garang is leader of the Sudan People's Liberation Army, which is fighting for greater autonomy in southern Sudan and economic and administrative reforms.

Mr al-Sadiq, whose Umma Party won most seats in the April election which returned Sudan to civilian government, was in Addis Ababa for the regular summit of the Organization of African Unity.

Judge shot dead in ambush

Bogotá — A leading Colombian Supreme Court judge was assassinated here yesterday in what appeared to be a contract killing sponsored by the nation's nefarious drug mafia (Geoffrey Matthews writes).

Dr Hernando Baquero Borda was killed when his official car was ambushed by armed men on two high-speed motorcycles. His wife was also injured.

Muslim insult

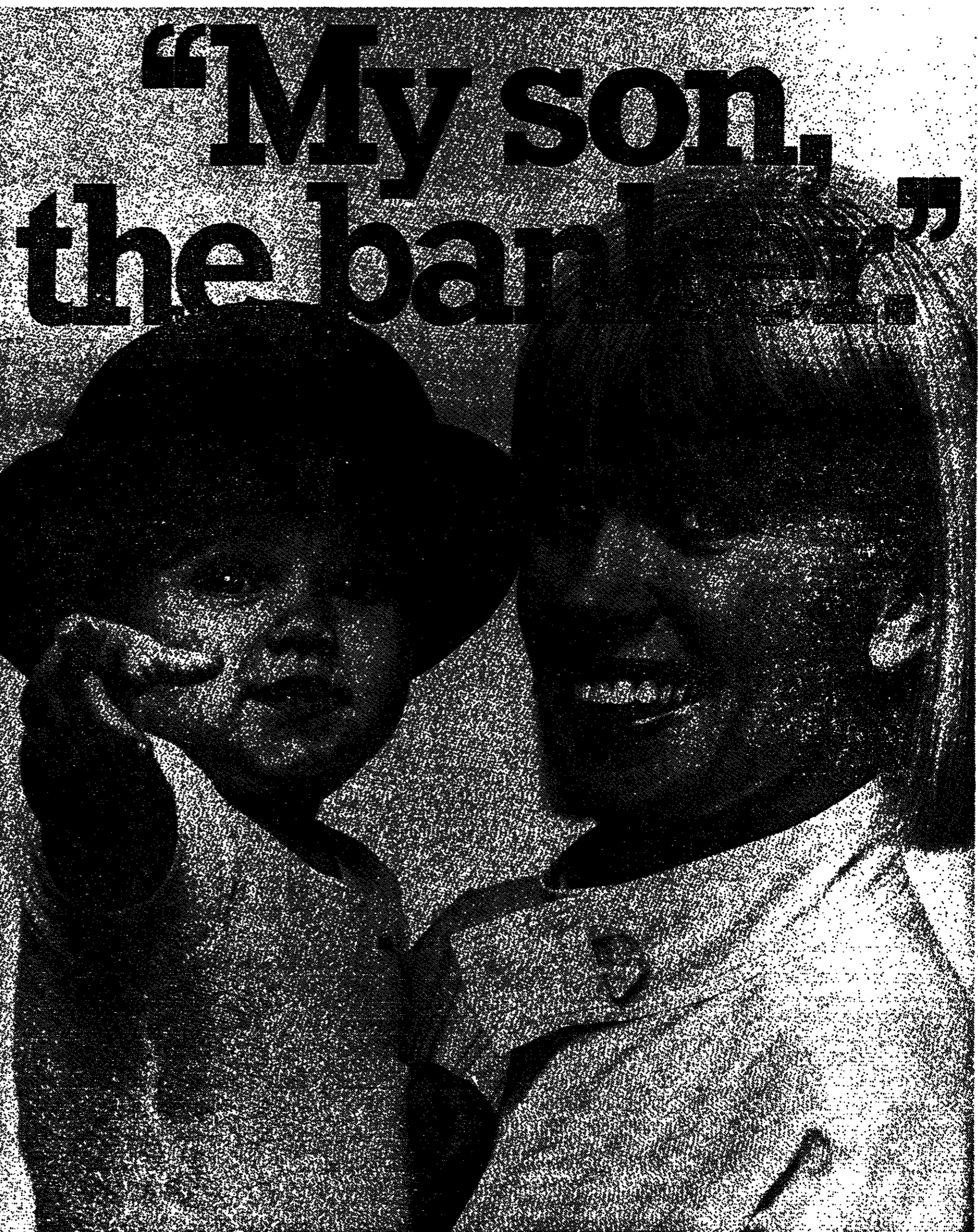
Kuala Lumpur (Reuter) — A Malaysian court jailed New Zealand missionary Grant Terrence Nesdale for one day and fined him £166 for hurting the religious feeling of a Muslim by saying: "Your Islam is not original, your Koran is not true and Prophet Muhammad is not true."

Free again

Nicosia (Reuter) — Cyprus has freed Sami Anis Naken Nasr, aged 26, a Palestinian jailed for seven years in January for trying to smuggle arms hidden in wine bottles on a civilian flight from the island to Jordan, his defence lawyer said. No reason was given.

Death fall

Chamonix, France (AP) — Police identified a British climber who died in a fall in the Mont Blanc range as Frank Lindley, aged 27, a student born in Blackpool.



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Philippine commission urges retrial of 26 for murder of Aquino

From Keith Dalton, Manila

A special commission appointed by the Philippine Supreme Court recommended yesterday that 26 people, including the former military Chief of Staff, be retried for the 1983 murder of the then opposition leader, Benigno Aquino, the husband of President Corason.

In a 63-page report, the three-member commission recommended the Supreme Court declare a mis-trial and reopen the case, because outside pressure led to the mass acquittal.

It said there was "adequate credible evidence" to show that the three-man trial court and the prosecution "acted under the compulsion of some pressure... beyond their capacity to resist" when it acquitted the former armed forces Chief of Staff, General Fabian Ver, 24 soldiers and a civilian last December.

The ten-month trial last year was "vitiating by lack of due process" which prevented the prosecution from presenting all available evidence against the accused and "predetermined the final outcome", the commissioners concluded.

During one month of public hearings, the chief prosecutor, Mr Manuel Herrera, alleged that the former president Ferdinand Marcos called the chief judge and the prosecuting panel to the presidential palace and suggested that they stage a mock trial.

Mr Herrera also testified to the commission, headed by Mr Conrado Vasquez, a retired judge, that Mr Marcos monitored the proceedings by closed circuit television and several times telephoned the prosecuting panel offering advice on the conduct of the trial.

The commission's recommendations upheld a petition filed by a group of prominent Filipinos that a mis-trial be declared and a new trial called.

The Supreme Court's decision will be announced after the prosecution and defence panels receive copies of the commission's report and respond to it within 10 days, Mr Claudio Techanke, the Chief Justice, said.

Court officials said the recommendations of the three commissioners — all hand-picked by the Supreme Court justices — would weigh heavily in favour of a re-trial decision by the High Court.

Mr Aquino was murdered at Manila airport in August 1983 on his return from three years self-imposed exile in the United States. Before that he was held for almost eight years under military detention.

Before his death, he was regarded as Mr Marcos's chief political rival.

His slaying triggered mass protests which culminated in February's civilian-backed military revolt, toppled the 20-year Marcos regime, and swept Mrs Aquino to power.

Former General Ver, who was charged as an accessory in the case, fled with Mr Marcos to exile in Hawaii.

Mr Conrado Vasquez, report claims pressure at trial.

Malaysian election

Opposition faces one-sided contest

From M.G.G. Pillai, Kuala Lumpur

Malaysia's general elections normally are devoid of surprises: the Government stands on its record while the opposition tries to whittle away as much of its hope as official majority as it can. It has always been an unequal contest.

The ruling coalition has won by at least a two-thirds majority in every previous election except in 1969 when it won by 61 per cent.

The general election tomorrow and Sunday is not expected to cause an upset. At stake are 177 parliamentary and 351 state assembly seats. Elections also are being held for 11 of the 13 state assemblies.

On nomination day the ruling National Front coalition was returned unopposed in six parliamentary and eight state assembly constituencies. In the fray three main political groupings formed: the National Front, the People's Justice Movement — a loose arrangement of four parties led by the theocratic Parti Islam Malaysia (PAS), and the urban-based Democratic Action Party.

Electoral swings in Malaysia do not come about on urban issues. It is the rural vote that keeps the coalition in power because issues like the new economic policy, the Government's alleged mishandling of a banking and provident fund, and other official acts of commission and omission are discounted in the countryside, where there is more concern over low prices for rice, palm-oil and rubber.

Even the fundamentalist Islamic pressures that upset the urban community make no impact in the rural areas. Traditional conservative Muslims see nothing wrong in an Islamic state as envisaged in the Koran. The ruling coalition and PAS are both committed to Islamization, but they differ on the form it would take.

Another election issue is the 1.5 million illegal Muslim immigrants from Indonesia and the Philippines. Once they were regarded as merely boosting the number of Muslims in the country and officials turned a blind eye as many jumped the queue to become permanent residents and citizens ahead of time.

But now they are seen to be

taking jobs in difficult economic conditions. The Government has acknowledged that, as 10 per cent of the population, they also pose a security threat.

In the urban areas, the Government is also being challenged by the non-Malay opposition, which is largely Chinese.

The Chinese political outlook has waxed and waned with official moves to reduce its cultural, educational and business presence. The community fears that an extension of the new economic policy beyond 1990 would make uncertain its long-term viability and future.

Its main problem, however, is its political naivety. The shrewd businessman has not turned out to be a good politician and the community's predicament is directly related to his reduced political clout as it moved from compromise to capitulation.

Another issue likely to have impact in the urban areas is the generally abrasive, dominating style of government of Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, the Prime Minister. He brooks no opposition, even from his Cabinet ministers, and often announces policies without Cabinet discussion.

When the economy was looking good, this was tolerated. But lately there has been more criticism of his style and more airing of allegations that several of his friends have benefited financially from his friendship. A current controversy hinges on how Mr Daim Zainuddin, the Finance Minister, gained majority control of a leading bank.

The opposition political parties are campaigning on a platform of denying the Government its two-thirds majority. In the dissolved House the Government had 132 of the 154 seats. This time it should get two-thirds of the 177 seats, that is 118. For the opposition parties it would be a major hurdle to secure the other 59 seats.

In the 11 state assembly elections, the National Front could win all but one or two states. PAS says it can take both Trengganu and Kelantan states, with an even chance in Kedah and Perak. The DAP is making a bid to unseat the coalition in Penang, but the odds are against it.

Jakarta sets up team to spend aid faster

Jakarta (Reuters) — Indonesia has set up a special ministerial team to solve one of its most pressing problems — how to spend aid money more quickly.

The group has been announced after complaints from aid donors and the World Bank about slow implementation of development projects.

According to the World Bank, Indonesia had spent less than half of its outstanding Bank aid of \$7.44 billion (about £10 billion) up to December. Total loans from donor governments and international lending agencies amounted to \$24.64 billion, of which \$9.56 billion had not been spent, it said.

In its annual report on Indonesia the Bank said that spending was well below the worldwide average.

Jakarta has blamed the delays on land acquisition problems, budgeting and finance procedures, finding suitable sub-contractors, poor management and red tape. It says that the new team, which is headed by the minister in charge of administrative reform, Dr Saleh Affif, would be able to cut through the delays.

"It may make on-the-spot decisions and bypass time-consuming and complicated procedures which delay the implementation of a project," the Cabinet Secretary, Mr Mardiono, said.

Indonesia has been hard hit by falling oil prices, from which it gets 70 per cent of its foreign exchange. It was forced to cut its development budget.

Aid projects include new rubber plantations, dams, roads, housing, resettlement and electrification schemes.

At their latest meeting in The Hague in June, 14 aid donors, including the World Bank, pledged a total of \$2.5 billion in assistance this year.



A Thai policeman carrying away a time bomb in his helmet after it was discovered and defused in a Bangkok theatre.

Prem gets nod for his third term as Thai premier

Bangkok (Reuters) — Thailand's largest political party nominated General Prem Tinsulanonda yesterday for a third term as Prime Minister and national leaders met to form a new government with unprecedented House support.

King Bhumibol was expected to appoint General Prem as leader soon after the Democrats decided to join the Chart Thai and Social Action (SAP) parties in a new coalition government, a Democrat spokesman said.

A party press statement called General Prem a "good and honest man" worthy of setting up a Cabinet to administer the country.

A senior government official said intermediaries of General Chaovalit Yongchaiyuth, the Army commander and a staunch supporter of General Prem, have asked political leaders to waste no time in forming the coalition.

He said General Chaovalit was concerned that small street demonstrations protesting against General Prem's return as an unelected Premier during the past three days could lead to unrest.

The Democrat nomination removed the last major opposition in the 347-seat Lower House to General Prem's return. Their 100 seats coupled

US official happy with Chinese arms talks

From Robert Grievs, Peking

Dr Kenneth Adelman, the Director of the US Arms Control and Disarmament Agency yesterday hailed China's "greater involvement" in arms control issues.

Dr Adelman arrived in Peking on Tuesday with a delegation of US arms control specialists, for talks with the Chinese on US disarmament initiatives. He last visited Peking in 1984. In 1983 a Chinese delegation went to Washington. Last week Soviet officials visited Peking to put their case in the disarmament debate.

Dr Adelman said he found the Chinese to be "quite open, frank and direct" and more interested in discussing arms control issues than at any previous time.

But he admitted that he did not detect any change in China's continuing opposition to the US Strategic Defence Initiative (SDI).

Dr Adelman said: "We are at the beginning stage of research, and the strategic results are not yet clear. But I believe SDI is here to stay."

He also briefed the Chinese on the contents of a letter President Reagan sent to Mr Gorbachov on nuclear disarmament.



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Caging the violence of Sicily

As the Mafia trial in Palermo enters its seventh month, with hundreds facing charges from murder to kidnapping, Caroline Moorehead explores the change of mood — and the considerable risks — that enabled the *Mafiosi* to be brought to book

A large poster hangs on the wall of a second-floor flat in a quiet street lined with flowering oleanders in the middle of Palermo. It is an invitation to attend a public debate in Monreale, a city that contains the greatest and most splendid of the Norman mosaic churches. The date on the poster is February 1981: the title of the debate *Mafia Oggi — Mafia Today*.

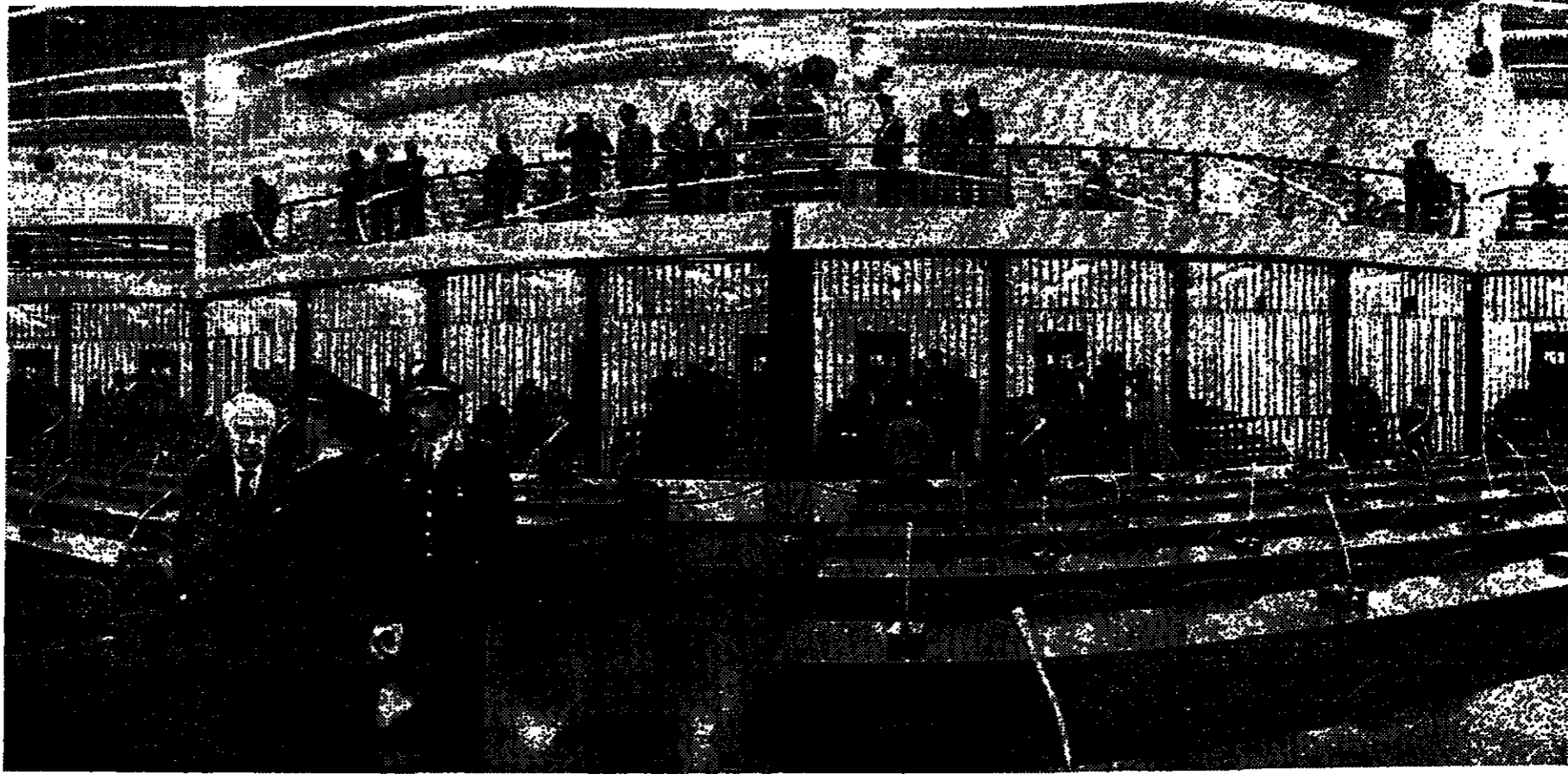
Palermo, the drugs capital of the world

today. He says he owes this to the fact that, alone of the four, he has "no power and no money". Chinnici, La Torre and Costa, who had, if not precisely power, at least a public presence and a voice loud enough to earn the enmity of the Mafia, all died within a few months of each other, shot down in the streets of Palermo. Santini is one of a small and brave collection of Sicilians, particularly in Palermo, the undisputed centre of Mafia activities, to be conducting private battles to check the still formidable power of the Mafia *cosche*, or families.

though also with some scepticism. "What is important is that the trial is happening, and seen to be happening," he says. "It is the first time in Sicilian history that the state has shown that it intends to deal with the Mafia."

In Sicily they call it the *maxi-processo*: the maxi-trial. There are 474 men on trial, 100 of whom have not been caught but are being tried *in absentia*. Among those captured is Luciano Liggio, who at 19 was the youngest Mafia chief in Sicilian history and rose to become the most feared leader in the modern Mafia. Liggio looks like a wise and ageing professor of linguistics at some northern university, with a cold stare above a peppery, dark beard.

Then there are the Greco brothers, Michele and Salvatore. Michele comes to the trial in a yellow cardigan, a neat, portly figure more readily imagined behind the desk of a provincial bank. His speciality is said to be the disposal of bodies. These three are considered the most valued captives.



Massive security for the maxi-trial: the barred courtroom cage built for the trial inside Palermo's Ucciardone prison, a fortress guarded by armed soldiers

Mafia families tore themselves apart with car bombs placed all over Palermo. The Mafia leaders spent those years moving into a new field, setting up international connections, mainly with heroin traffickers in Marseille. With the subsequent rise in financial stakes came violence. At the end of 1980 another war broke out between *mafiosi* in the capital.

It began with the strange murder of a monk in his cell in the Convent of Santa Maria di Gesù, where police found no Franciscan poverty but seven cells containing arms, liquor and colour television sets, as well as evidence of links to known Mafia drug traffickers. The violence spread to take in the assassination of other Mafia members, then carabinieri, journalists and magistrates. By the end of 1981, more than 100 people had died violently in Palermo alone.

Rome resolved to fight back. General Carlo Alberto dalla Chiesa, veteran of the struggles in mainland Italy against the Red Brigades, was named Prefect of Palermo. He had been in Sicily less than four months when he and his wife were ambushed in their car. Other magistrates and policemen died after them, but by now the arrests had begun.

About five tons of pure heroin a year was being produced in Sicily's morphine refineries. It was shipped to the United States and other parts of Europe, bringing in about 700,000 million lire (more than £300 million) per annum. At the height of the drug days, police believe that about 30,000 people were benefiting from the narcotics trade.



Luciano Liggio: 'like a wise and ageing professor'

responsibilities, sudden foreign journeys, a young woman teacher said quite simply that she was too frightened. But a jury was found; a sign, say local people, that ordinary Sicilians today feel as sickened as do those in authority by what has been happening, and that they are no longer prepared to go along with the traditional Italian notion that the Mafia is a myth, a legend invented by northerners to express their contempt for the primitive, rugged, civilization of the extreme south.

From the day it opened in February, the *maxi-processo* has revolved around the evidence of the *super-penitenti*, often in a highly dramatic way. These super-grasses are something new in Sicily history. They are *Mafiosi* who have decided that they have nothing to lose in turning state witness. The old rules of conduct that bound a *somo d'onore*, a man of honour, to unbreakable silence have lost their force. The singing of this new breed of turncoats has



Mourning a Mafia killing

galvanized the entire city. When Tommaso Buscetta began reciting his list of names, dates, transactions, assassinations and threats in a dispassionate, somewhat clinical manner, hundreds of Sicilians queued from dawn down the narrow street which leads to the Ucciardone gates for one of the

Nothing to lose in turning state witness

seats in the public gallery. It was true theatre, say those who managed to get in. The fact that Buscetta himself seemed to be speaking out of a sense of nostalgia for an older Mafia, where such random violence would not have been condoned and where Mafia leaders, men of respect, wielded local justice probably no more brutal than that imposed by generations of feudal landowners, added to the sense of drama.



Buscetta is now in prison in the United States. It is not known whether he will survive there, but it is certain that he could never survive in any Italian jail. Super-penitents have short lives.

More recently, a new *super-penitenti* has captured the imagination of the public galleries. Vincenzo Sinagra is a small, stocky man in his early thirties, with receding hair and the slightly puzzled and injured air of a garage mechanic who has been accused of failing to find a fault in an ailing engine. He comes as a surprise as a "man of respect": there is something too futuristic, too exciting in his manner.

Sinagra arrives in the courtroom scurrying between two lines of carabinieri, who walk so closely together that his head can barely be seen from between their tall, khaki shoulders. From the 20 cages lining the immense green painted courtroom, those on trial stare out, propped against the

bars, like men waiting for a bus. There is silence. Sinagra is led into a bullet-proof transparent box with only the front open to the judges, prosecutors and 16 tricolour-sashed jury members, whom he faces. Distilled later, reproduced at length page after page in Sicily's daily papers, Sinagra's tale is chilling, particularly when he explains that he has killed a man himself, simply "because I didn't like his face". In Palermo, everyone follows the day's evidence, reporting it to each other much like the World Cup scores.

The *maxi-processo* is not the first Mafia trial nor the only one to put men in cages. Fights against Mafia power have been going on ever since Mussolini first saw them as a serious threat, while successive anti-Mafia commissions have spent decades chronicling and contemplating their crimes. What they have failed to do, and what every inquiry since has failed to do, is to establish the suspected links which bind the Mafia to the political structure of Italy.

These links, long known and accepted but never examined, cannot emerge from this trial: it is not in the judge's brief to make them do so. However, the trial matters. It is many years since people thought of the Mafia in romantic terms, as rural Robin Hoods, inviolate and not altogether despicable, obeying archaic but somehow honourable codes of behaviour.

Any lingering suspicions that the Mafia are not savage criminals, urban gangsters running an extraordinarily profitable illegal business, are being healthily dispelled, as day after day a litany of violence and corruption is heard. The *maxi-processo*, says one of the investigating judges, is a very small move, down a road which appears to have no visible end, but it is a move none the less.

CONCISE CROSSWORD NO 1017

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down. Clues include: 1 Hastens (6), 5 Being (6), 8 Not strict (3), 9 Large prawns (6), 10 Choux cake (6), 11 Lively Scots dance (4), 12 Pagan's revolt leader (3,5), 14 Public disturbance (6), 17 Pamper (6), 19 Wild drug experience (5), 22 Whirlpool (4), 24 Tear from (3,3), 25 Lure (4,2), 26 7th Greek letter (3), 27 Superficial appearance (6), 28 Almost (6), 5 School leave (5), 6 Keep score (5), 7 Three-headed galleon (7), 13 In addition (3), 15 Stealthy (7), 16 Enquire (3), 17 N E Spain language (7), 18 Bartered Bride composer (7), 20 Expat (5), 21 Tender (5), 23 Close over (5).

Why I didn't play to the gallery

Neil MacGregor, appointed Director of the National Gallery yesterday, was not the trustees' first choice. American Edmund Pillsbury rejected the job . . .



Unrepentant Pillsbury, the National's first choice

TED PILLSBURY walked out of his 45-minute interview with the trustees of the National Gallery with his mind already made up. He would withdraw his application for the post of director, considered to be one of the plum jobs of the artistic establishment. But even as his letter of withdrawal was being read by the Civil Service officials to whom it was addressed, the trustees, under their chairman Jacob Rothschild, decided that Pillsbury was the man for the job.

around the gallery, he says. "In the end it was probably unfortunate that the trustees — if they did want me — didn't see that I was giving up a very exciting position and would have to make some tremendous sacrifices. I have what many people consider to be the best job for a museum professional in the United States."

HIS BEING an American was likely to be a continuing liability. "I lack what I felt was an important qualification, something that was essential for success in the job, from the British people's point of view: I wasn't British. I felt that lack would lead to divisions later if not sooner. That assumption was based on what I read in the press and what the trustees said to me."

Jacob Rothschild himself was quoted as saying that, all others factors being equal, he'd like to appoint a British national. "He laughs again. 'It is important for the Director of the National Gallery to be British, don't you think?'"

Of the gallery itself, he says: "It's highly bureaucratic, it has unions, it doesn't operate independently but as part of a government agency, it's a Civil Service institution. 'I believe the director is subject to most of the regulations which apply to civil servants in terms of his authority and his freedom to carry on certain activities. It also has trustees who may or may not make the job more efficient. In trying to achieve anything there would be more players involved than I am used to, including various government departments.'"

Pillsbury says he has no regret other than not having stuck with his original decision. "When I was appointed it was a question of 'Come on, make up your mind'. Well, I did. I have been at Kimball Museum for five and a half years and I have many more exciting challenges there ahead of me."

Christopher Wilson
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THE TIMES SATURDAY —Portfolio Gold— £12,000 to be won. A tonic for Lemmon. "I'm like a two-year-old kid again", says Jack Lemmon of his debut on the London stage next week. The star of countless comic films plays a meatier role in Jonathan Miller's production of O'Neill's Long Day's Journey Into Night. In The Times tomorrow, he looks forward to touring with the play and talks of his "odd couple" partnership with Walter Matthau. California dreaming North and south of Frisco. Behind the Fringe Edinburgh's scene-setter. Can you always get your copy of The Times? Dear Newsagent, please deliver/save me a copy of The Times. NAME ADDRESS

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Head Gardiner

George Gardiner, Tory MP for Reigate, has called for the removal of a headmistress without even meeting her...

The Great British salesman strikes again. I ask First Choice Cars, Austin Rover dealers in London...

Who's next?

Robert Kilroy-Silk's abrupt farewell to politics comes at a peculiarly inopportune moment for the local politicians who coveted his Knowlesy North seat...



As I was saying

A sense of déjà vu. A motion due to come before the Federation of Conservative Students' annual conference in September calls for the disbanding of the Commonwealth as an "anachronistic and totally useless body and a waste of money"...

Eyes have it

Following my note on Monday, the Badger Protection Society calls to say that the newly-formed National Federation of Badger Groups is undertaking the world's first study of badger fatalities...

A fine system of injustice

by John Grigg

The fine of £250 imposed earlier this week on the pop singer Boy George may or may not have been intended as a token penalty...

But even as a token fine it was surely rather on the low side for somebody of his presumed wealth. If intended as a genuine punishment it was—as one Conservative MP described it—"derisory"...

For a millionaire an appropriate token fine would be nearer to £2,500 than £250, while a fine really meant to punish and deter would need to be at least £25,000, if not more...

Fines are an unsuitable form of punishment for poor people, because they either cannot pay them, default and are then sent to prison, or pay them at the price of increased hardship to their already suffering families...

The 1972 Criminal Justice Act provided that a community service order would be substituted for imprisonment as a way of dealing with fine defaulters...

Bernard Levin: the way we live now



The snake still lives in the Garden

Strange news from China; and the strangest thing about the news is that it is not at all strange. The authorities there are worried about a rising crime-rate, two aspects of which worry them particularly...

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It's the time of the signs

None of the words with capital letters mean much at all. You could swap most of them round without noticing the difference...

How to weed out the biased juror

John Spencer calls for new measures to prevent the innocent being convicted

With considerable political courage, the government plans to abolish the defendant's right to challenge jurors without having to give reasons...

The juror's name, address, voice and physical appearance to go on. Prejudice may not appear. If it comes out at the trial that a juror is biased or unfit, the judge has power to stop the case and order a retrial...

His father, who was a tenant of a related company, to conduct similar proceedings against his landlord, Lord Denning said this: "The court will not enquire whether he did in fact favour one side unfairly..."

Wayland Kennet Can Nato tolerate 'fire first' rule?

The rules of engagement at sea sound traditional and harmless enough: they are in fact fundamental to civilian control of military forces. They are also one of the many issues splitting the Nato alliance...

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Electricity industry back in black

The electricity supply industry for England and Wales powered back into profitability last year and saw its £1.7 billion loss caused by the miners' strike converted into a £414 million net profit.



Sir Philip Jones, left, and Lord Marshall: powering back into profit.

Unit trust victory over SIB

The unit trust industry scored a notable victory yesterday when the Securities and Investments Board announced that it has dropped its plan to make all sales of unit trusts subject to a fourteen days cooling off period.

£41,000 pay rise for GEC chief

Lord Weinstock, managing director of General Electric Company, received a 30 per cent pay rise last year. According to GEC's annual accounts, published yesterday, his salary rose by £41,000 to £177,000 for the year to the end of March.

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

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Merchant bank job

Mr Gerry Grimstone, an assistant secretary at the Treasury with responsibility for nationalized industries and privatization, will become a director of corporate finance at J Henry Schroder Wagg, the merchant bank, on September 1.

Lex leaps

Lex Service, distributor of Volvo cars and electrocomponents, reported interim pretax profits up 87 per cent to £14.8 million for the six months to June.

Profits soar

David S Smith (Holdings), the paper and board manufacturer, made taxable profits of £6.2 million in the year ending April 30 against £1.05 million previously.

Sale success

The offer for sale of 3.58 million F&I Group shares closed oversubscribed. The basis of allocation will be announced today.

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Sears intends to acquire compulsorily outstanding Millets Leisure shares after receiving acceptances for 95.13 per cent of Millets.

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Review begins at Macarthis

Macarthis Pharmaceuticals, which was taken over last February by clients of John Govett, the fund manager, announced yesterday that it was making an extraordinary charge of £3.9 million to cover dilapidation, obsolete and redundant stock and fixed-asset provisions.

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Midland Bank interim profits up by 29%

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PCW plan challenged

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British Rail makes £120m from sales and lettings

British Rail realized over £120 million from the sale and letting of railway property in the year to March 31. Sir James Swaffield, chairman of the British Rail Property Board, announced yesterday...

Waterways board tops performance target

The British Waterways Board, the state concern that administers and maintains the nation's canals and inland harbours, earned £60.5 million in revenue in 1985-86...

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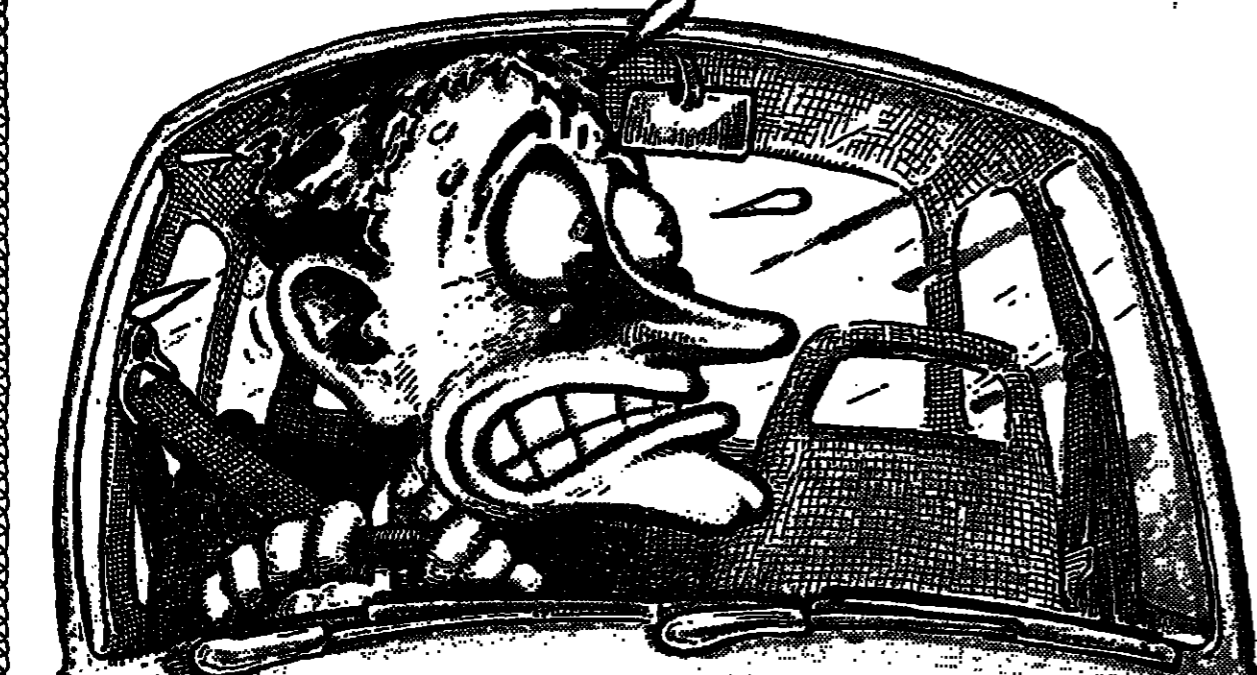
Wimpey in £17m sale

George Wimpey, the housebuilder, is selling its business to Cement-Roadstone, the big Irish construction group, for just over £17 million. The deal will expand Cement-Roadstone's merchant operations in the UK...

Presenting the annual results yesterday, Sir Leslie Young, the chairman, said the organization had met the performance target of breaking even as laid down in the Transport Act 1968. During the year, the board received £42.3 million of Government grants against nearly £50 million in the previous 15 months...

The bulk of the profit rise at the pretax level was due both to lower administration costs and interest charges. The proceeds from the disposal of its parcel-carrying and vehicle-hire businesses have enabled the group to reduce its net debt from 32 per cent of equity at the end of December to 10 per cent six months later.

Have you ever thought the man in the next car could be stealing your business?



You know how it is when you see someone on the phone in a car. Who is he talking to? What is he talking about? You can bet your shirt he's not passing the time of day chatting up his mother-in-law. Nor is he sitting there boasting he's got one of those swanky new Cellphones. No, the chances are he's stealing a march on one of his competitors. That frustrated fellow after the same piece of business as he is, also stuck in a traffic jam not getting anywhere fast. You, perhaps? There is only one way out of this unfortunate situation, and that is to get a Cellphone yourself. Then you'll be too busy pulling off your own deals to worry what the chap in the next car's up to. Buying, or leasing, a British Telecom Cellphone is particularly painless. Prices start at £899* (leasing,

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STOCK MARKET REPORT

Dealers fear Lonrho may dive below 200p on S African threat

By Michael Clark

Lonrho's South African interests, once the source of great wealth, are now rapidly becoming a millstone around the group's neck as analysts continue to take a grim view of current prospects.

The shares of Lonrho lost another 9p to 210p yesterday - making a loss on the week so far, of 28p. Some dealers fear the shares may have even further to fall and are predicting that the price is likely to dip below the 200p level shortly.

Word is that Merrill Lynch, the big broking and investment house - nicknamed the "thundering herd" in New York - has now joined the growing list of sellers and is responsible for the latest shake-out in the shares.

At least two other prominent brokers are also recommending that clients sell their shares as the threat of sanctions against South Africa continues to grow and as the rand grows weaker by the day.

one new share for every two already held, at 450p a share.

There has been a lot of takeover talk surrounding Marler recently. This was heightened when Glen International, the private investment group headed by Mr Terry Ramsden, started to increase its holding in the company. Marler has already received planning permission to redevelop Stamford Bridge Stadium, the home of Chelsea Football Club.

Interim figures from Midland Bank failed to live up to some expectations, showing pre-tax profits to June 30 up

from £151 million to £195 million. But brokers such as Wood Mackenzie appeared pleased with the group's performance and impressed with the size of dealing profits. Wood Mack is sticking to its original forecast of £425 million at the pretax level - compared with £351 million for last year - and claims that the shares have long-term attractions. Midland ended the day 5p lower at 547p.

Barclays Bank managed to reduce an earlier 27p fall after announcing that it has become the first British bank to obtain a share listing in both Tokyo

and New York. Dealings are due to start today. But, back in London, analysts have been having a last-minute attack of nerves about Barclays' figures, which are due next week. Most now fear that Barclays' performance will fall to live up to that of its three main rivals.

The market has been expecting pretax profits to rise by 14 per cent, from £403 million to £460 million. The

COMMENT Kenneth Fleet Put not your trust in Hattersley's sums

To ensure they emerge from the next election as still the governing party, the Conservatives will need to do off the old, three-part, winning formula: skilled communication of the Government's achievements to the mass of the electorate; judicious "bribing" of the voters through the pre-election Budget; and a penetrating rubbishing of the Opposition's platform promises.

The last should not be too difficult: the signs are that the Labour Party grandees, like the Bourbons, have learned nothing and forgotten nothing. The Party, led by Shadow Chancellor Roy Hattersley, is moving towards a tax strategy which threatens to make Denis Healey's 1974 attempt to make the pips squeak look mild by comparison.

The problem is that the tax haul allegedly waiting for Labour, if they are prepared to squeeze the rich, may be much smaller than they think. Mr Hattersley regularly comes up with a figure of £3.6 billion for the amount that the present Government has given away in tax to "the rich."

He recently defined the recipients of this Thatcherite largesse as the richest 5 per cent of the population, that is, those with an income of more than £27,000 a year. Yet as recently as September he put the figure at £20,000. This discrepancy is faintly puzzling but the real mystery lies in the £3.6 billion itself. The Institute for Fiscal Studies, in the latest number of its journal Fiscal Studies, examined the redistributive consequences of Mrs Thatcher. The total income tax "giveaway" to individuals on £20,000 or more has been less than £750 million, after taking account of inflation.

The "giveaway" on capital taxes is more difficult to calculate but, on yield differences between now and 1979 looks to be less than £1 billion, and probably not much more than £500 million.

Thus, even if Mr Hattersley were to reverse tax changes undertaken in the past seven years, and, with Yorkshire cunning, limit the impact to the top 5 per cent of taxpayers, however defined, he would not get anywhere near his £3.6 billion. He might do well to rake in over £1 billion.

The painful truth is that Labour's tax plans would start to hit well below the richest 5 per cent of the population. One plank in Labour's platform is to remove the higher rate tax relief on pensions, mortgages and other allowable items. This would bring in around £600 million in extra revenue, but would start to affect sole earner families as well as individuals, with an income of more than £17,200 a year.

A second proposal is to remove the upper earnings limit for employees of

national insurance contributions, which would bring in an extra £610 million. Here too, the impact would be felt well below Mr Hattersley's top 5 per cent: it would hit anyone earning more than £285 a week, or £14,800 a year.

Mr Hattersley has declared it his intention not to return to the very high marginal tax rates which prevailed between 1974 and 1979. On the basis of the sums he is putting together in Opposition, it would be wise not to put too much trust in that.

No but, Minister...

The Monopolies and Mergers Commission report on merging GEC and Plessey is with the Secretary of State, Paul Channon. If the MMC has recommended unequivocally that GEC should be free to bid again for Plessey, then the Minister has no authority to decree otherwise. Nor would there be any reason for delaying a public statement, unless Mr. Channon feels that a clearance would set out such a political explosion that he would be wise first to build up fire proof cover among his government colleagues.

The best informed guesses about the MMC's recommendations are that it is a "Yes, but..." or more likely, a "No, but..." Each would require some positive thinking by Mr Channon.

A "Yes, but" means that there are strong arguments in favour of putting GEC and Plessey together but they weigh less than the Ministry of Defence's passionate belief in the necessity of having two major contractors competing for defence work. It would be a poor reflection on the intellectual capacity of the Commission panel if its members have swallowed the MoD's line, which appears to have overlooked the fact that GEC and Plessey actually compete over a relatively small part of the military spectrum and to have been based on airy projections of the likely additional cost of defence procurement if a putative rival for the work, in the shape of Plessey, did not exist.

"No, but" would be more respectable. It means that the MMC has accepted the case, including the arguments of the MoD, for Plessey's continued independence, with the major proviso that GEC's and Plessey's telecommunications businesses should be put together as the last hope for maintaining a significant British presence in this critical industry.

In the real world however, the only way of making one strong telecommunications business out of GEC and Plessey, if that is the received wisdom, is via GEC's taking over Plessey.

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844p, Royal Insurance 3p to 839p and Snn Alliance 5p to 687p. Only London United Investments resisted the trend, rising by 6p to 413p.

Sentiment among the insurance brokers still remained clouded by the reverberations at Lloyds. Hogg Robinson, which acquired a couple of private estate agents earlier in the week, dipped 2p to 313p. There were also losses in CE Heath 2p to 512p, Minnet 1p to 253p, PWS International 5p to 313p, Sedgwick 2p to 366p, Willis Faber 5p to 414p and Stewart Wriggins 2p to 452p.

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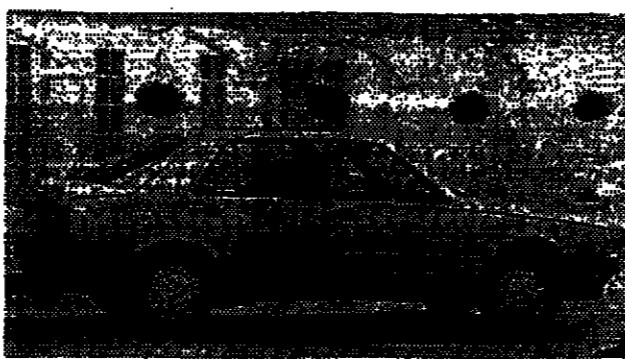
Motoring by Clifford Webb

Fiat's challenging new breed

The new Fiat Crona has a difficult road ahead. Fiat has been notably unsuccessful with previous attempts to penetrate the profitable executive car sector. As a result it has become one of the least known names in big cars. It is to remedy this weakness that the big Italian group acquired Lancia. But if the Crona 2000 Super which I have just been driving is typical of a new breed of Fiat typical of the already well-served executive sector, has acquired another worthy contender to battle it out with the new Rover 800, Ford Granada, Audi 100, Renault 25, BMW 5 series, Saab 900 and Volvo 740.

Fiat has already confined the Crona to the lower end of the segment by sticking to a two litre engine for all three versions imported to Britain. Budget changes which come into effect later next year lift the tax "break" from 1.8 to two litres. As 75 per cent of sales in this sector are business as opposed to private purchases it means that managers who were previously restricted to 1.8 litres to take advantage of the tax break will now be able to lift their sights to the lower regions of the executive market.

The Crona is not the best looking car around. There are already too many high tailed, wedge nosed rivals for it to stand out in a car park. It is also a little too chubby for my taste. The designers seem to have tried to squeeze too much into too little and in doing so have sacrificed a few inches in length which would have made it so much sleeker. It is for instance only 147.8 long compared with the new Rover 800's 154.4—and those extra inches make a world of difference. But cosmetics aside, the Crona is every inch a driver's car. The familiar two litre,



Vital statistics

Model: Fiat Crona 2000 Super
Price: £10,149
Engine: 1995cc injected
Performance: 0-62mph in 9.9 seconds, max speed 119mph
Official consumption: Urban 30.7mpg, 58mpg, 47.1mpg, 78mpg, 37.2mpg
Length: 147.8
Insurance: group 6/7 (provisional)

Fiat Crona is: Quiet motorway cruising

proves very fortunate indeed. It told Tickford to develop another version as a luxury, high performance two-seater sports car. How fortunate that decision was only became apparent more recently when the growing number of rally fatalities involving both drivers and spectators forced the governing body of motor sport to curb the 160mph "racing car specials" in Group B. Specialist manufacturers, which come into force next season effectively killed off the new RS200 rally car in its first season. This is one time the much abused description "limited edition" means just that. Ford told me "All 200 have been built and there will be no more. A few have gone to rally drivers who will use them in special permitted events, but the majority are available as a very exclusive sports car."

Ford RS200: A genuine limited edition

Ford asked Reliant Tamworth to build the 200 RS200's necessary for it to be recognized as a Group B rally car. It gave Aston Martin Tickford, the Milton Keynes engineering and design specialists, the job of testing and developing the car and seeing it safely through vital type approval tests. But Ford also made another decision which was later to

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Career-best for Gould to lift Sussex on danger pitch

By Peter Ball

HEADINGLEY: Sussex beat Yorkshire by 88 runs. A sparkling, courageous innings by Ian Gould, the Sussex captain, fittingly provided the exact difference between the two sides on a wicket which had done nothing to improve Headingley's increasingly dubious reputation when it was used for the Test against India five weeks ago.

It has been no better this time and has been reported to Lord's by the umpires, who reportedly told the captains that in their view it is unfit for first class cricket. Gould was even stronger. Describing it as "diabolical" he added: "Balls were going through the top. Yorkshire had players caught before they could defend the ball off their faces. That is not a one-day wicket."



Pure gold by Gould: The Sussex skipper hits Hartley for four (Photograph: Andrew Varley)

De Freitas proves all-round worth

By Richard Streeton

LEICESTER: Lancashire, with seven wickets in hand, need 139 runs to beat Leicestershire. Lancashire lost their wickets in their first eight overs yesterday as they set out to make 224 and claim a semi-final place in the NatWest Trophy. Abrahams and Fairbrother were rebuilding the innings before the curtain came down for the last time on an abbreviated day.

Run spree lifts the gloom

Norhampton, with five first innings wickets standing, have scored 286 runs

Richard Williams and Robert Bailey helped lift some of the gloom over Northampton yesterday with a fine display of batting as Norhampton made up for last time, however, by taking the first two wickets for Leicestershire. After the first day's play had been washed out, heavy overnight rain delayed the start until after lunch. New Zealand made up for last time, however, by taking the first two wickets for Leicestershire. After the first day's play had been washed out, heavy overnight rain delayed the start until after lunch. New Zealand made up for last time, however, by taking the first two wickets for Leicestershire.

Great hope out on a limb at long leg

By Alan Gibson

It was not a sunny day. Clouds were always threatening. Still, they made a start at 11.45. Worcestershire put Warwickshire in. After a dullish hour, both cricketers and meteorologically, lunch was taken for the score 23 for one after 17 overs. Smith was the man out, bowled by Inchmore. Moles and Kallicharran were clinging on, uncertainly.

Threatening once again

Club and village cricket by Michael Berry

Stourbridge and Northampton Salts are on course to maintain the recent trend of Midlands success in the National Club championship sponsored by Watney Youagar. Since the competition switched sponsors from John Haig three years ago, Midlands clubs have dominated. Shrewsbury lifted the side in 1983 and Old Hill were champions in both 1984 and 1985.

ROWING

Endurance needed in heat of the day

From a Correspondent Roundnice, Czechoslovakia

On the sun-dazzled water of the opening course, gently rippled by a light, variable breeze, was the scene of some dramatic racing and moments of tense human emotion as the programme of repechage heats unfolded. The temperature was well over 30 degrees Celsius, placing demands on the endurance of the competitors beyond the predictable ordeal of the racing. Some crews risked elimination from the course for the chance of a place in Sunday's final races for places 1 to 6.

Slughter sets the pace

Ullina (Reuter) - John Slaughter of America, and the Argentinian, Luis Carbonetti were the early pace-makers in yesterday's first round of the Scandinavian Open golf championship in Sweden.

Brazil will play host to winners

Football

Brazil plans to stage a tournament in June 1989 for the six World Cup winning nations in which West Germany, England, Italy, Uruguay and Argentina will be invited to join Brazil in a competition to mark the Brazilian football federation's 75th anniversary. It will be for the Joao Havelange Cup, named after the Brazilian president of the International Football Federation.

Dickie has crown in his sights

Boxing

While Steve Sims thinks over his professional future after failing in his bid to win the British featherweight title for a second time, Robert Dickie is already lining up his next step in his blossoming ring career. At 27, Sims must now be seriously considering retirement after the setback of defeat against holder Dickie at Ebbw Vale on Wednesday night. But a successful first defence for 22-year-old Dickie should give him the chance of a challenge for Jim McCondon's European title if he can beat John Feecey of Hartlepool.

Botham back as England miss out

Cricket

World had made 47 for the loss of the West Indies opener, Desmond Haynes, dismissed yesterday, caught by Smith off Richardson, as England lost by 32 runs to a Rest of the World XI despite a century by Allan Lamb.

GOLF

Gilford following a winning course

By John Hennessy

David Gilford, the only previous winner left in the field, moved comfortably into the last eight of the English amateur championship at Hillsdale, Southport, yesterday. He beat Geoffrey Birwell, runner-up in the British championship in June, by 3 and 2 and then made light of what seemed more formidable opposition in Steven Bottomley, like Gilford a current England international.

Runners in brief

YACHTING: Great Britain have won the 505 world championship title after a seven-year period of domination by the United States and Australia. The Swedish pair of Christer Bergström and Magnus Flomberg needed only to finish in the first 10 in the final race of the series yesterday to clinch the world title but could not do so. Meanwhile, Peter Colclough and Harold Barnes, lying second overall before the race began, displayed faultless match racing skills to win and push the Swedes into the runner-up position.

Other sport

CYCLING: National track championships (Quarter-finals) LEICESTER: Leicestershire v Lancashire. TOUR MATCH: Northamptonshire v New Zealanders. OTHER MATCH: One-day: England v Rest of World XI.

Entertainments

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Top riders out of world race

Brussels (AP) - Eddy Planckaert and Eric Vanderaerden, two of Belgium's top professional cyclists, will not join the Belgian team for the world cycling championships that begin on September 6 in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Eddy Merckx, team leader, said yesterday, that Vanderaerden, a member of the team of Peter Post, has to race in the Dutch tour first and can only leave for Colorado on August 24 at the earliest.

FOR THE RECORD

Baron (C) 6-4, 6-3; P. Goss (R) in J.W. Loder (W) 6-2, 6-2; D. Goss (R) in J.W. Loder (W) 6-2, 6-2; D. Goss (R) in J.W. Loder (W) 6-2, 6-2.

ATHLETICS

ROBERTO (Italy), 5:00.01; S. Anasta (M), 20.02. T. M. Knapton (M), 13.20.

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Milwaukee Brewers v New York Yankees; California Angels v Oakland Athletics; Detroit Tigers v Philadelphia Phillies; Chicago Cubs v New York Mets; Texas Rangers v Baltimore Orioles.

FOOTBALL

FOUR CLUB: Barnet v Dartmouth; Dagenham v Dover; Grays v Thurrock; Hayes v Uxbridge.

GOLF

CONWAY: Welsh Amateur championship; Telford: Welsh Amateur championship.

TENNIS

WASHINGTON: Second round; J. Arrese (C) vs M. P. (C); J. Arrese (C) vs M. P. (C).

YACHTING

LA ROCHELLE: World 500 championship; Southampton: World 500 championship.

Other sport

Other sport: Various international and domestic sports events.

